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UMC**
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July/August 2022

**Worship the Lord
with Us**



CORNERSTONE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Message from our Pastor John Mark Wang

- **Sundays: 11:30 am**
Worship in person /On-line Service
 - **Tuesdays 10:00 am**
Women's Bible Study
 - **Wednesdays 10:00 am**
New Life Fellowship - Seniors
1st Wednesday of the month
 - **Thursdays 7:30pm**
BASIC Fellowship- Young Adults
1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month
 - **Friday Night Fellowship**
7:30pm TGIF
Adult Bible Study
- 8:00 pm EXTRA College/Career &
AM/PM Youth Group

Contact us for more info on
Zoom/Discord
Meetings at this time
Days and time are subject to change



At the time this column was written I have just returned from the Bishop 's Convocation which took place in the desert lands of Indian Wells, CA. I gathered with the clergy of the California-Pacific Conference for our annual time of reconnecting, worshiping and praising God, and learning from wise speakers. Our workshop leader was Rev. Dr. Martyn Atkins, the former President and General Secretary of the British Methodist Church. He taught us what it means to create "Fresh Expressions" (FX) ministries in the local church, and the sessions helped us to reimagine our ideas for ministry in our churches.

Every new FX ministry at church should be able to answer the question, "How are we being Jesus Christ in the world?" The answer to this question helps us re-focus the purpose of what we are doing and how we are engaging with people. Additionally, are the ministries of our church decreasing the distance between what is church and what is home? If you feel welcome, are having a good experience, and are enjoying the comforts of a graceful ministry, then you 're on the right track. You should have a sense that you belong and are at your 'second home.'

Rev. Atkins provided some great examples which include:

- Messy Church created by Lucy Moore - messychurchusa.org (intergenerational Sunday School)
- Sorted - sortedcommunity.org.uk (Church led and operated by young adults under thirty years old)
- Kairos Movement - kairosmovement.org.uk (different sized gatherings offering different dynamics for people to flourish using their gifts & talents)

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What these FX ministries all had in common was that they met people where they 're at. People recognize a need in their community and develop free-style ministries to meet those needs. These ministries were created by Christians listening to their community for what they desired. In these ways, an FX ministry embodies the faith as good news to people much like Jesus ' disciples when they first went out with the Spirit 's power into the streets. They left their first "church," the Upper Room, and were on a mission to transform lives. The more we commit to going and doing new things rather than critiquing and re-formatting ministry ideas, the more momentum we will have to transform lives just like the disciples.

Thankfully, our church currently has FX ministries active and moving forward through our **EXTRA, BASIC, HUGS, and New Life groups**. May each of our groups continue to partner with one another, the community, and missions ' organizations. We can even create new FX ministries if there is passion for an idea, like our upcoming Golf group ministry led by the talented Dick Chu. Where your passion lies, an FX ministry is just around the corner. I encourage you, dear reader, to go deeper by participating in one of our small group meetings and even consider becoming a leader yourself. Everything is possible with dedication, patience, and trust in the Lord. As long as we resemble Christ as individuals and participate together as a community we are on the right track!

In Christ's love, Pastor John

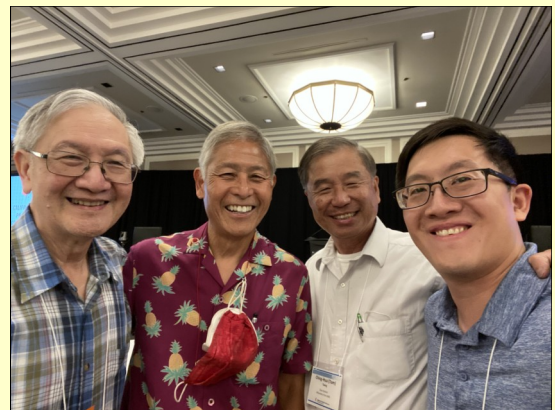


Pastor John with
Bishop Grant Hagiya and
Pastor John 's Parents,
Ellen & Pastor John Wang Sr.



**California Pacific
Conference**

**Bishop 's Convocation
At Indian Wells, CA**



**Pastor John Wang Sr., Bishop Grant Hagiya,
Pastor Tom Tseng, and
Pastor John Mark Wang**

Celebrating our Graduates

Thank you, **Arleen Hasegawa**, for putting together a beautiful slideshow of our 2022 graduates!! We are quite blessed to celebrate our hardworking young people, and wish them many blessings as they begin new chapters in their lives.



Brooke Hasegawa



Kevin Hayakawa



Class of 2022 Graduates

Brooke Hasegawa - graduated from Newport Harbor High School on June 9th. She will attend Orange Coast College and Golden West College to pursue certification in American Sign Language and Dance.

Kevin Hayakawa - graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles on June 12th with a PhD in Astrophysics. He will be teaching at CSU Channel Islands.

Katherine Louie - graduated from Chapman University on May 22nd with a double major: BS in Accounting and BS in Business Administration with a minor in Leadership Studies. She will work for PWC (PricewaterhouseCoopers) as a Tax Associate in the Fall.

Brandon Wong - graduated from Cal State University Long Beach on May 18th with a BS in Kinesiology. He is working as a PT Aid at Optum and Head Lacrosse Coach at Huntington Beach High School.

Jason Wong - graduated from the University of California, San Diego on June 12th with a BS in Computer Science.

Joshua Wong - graduated from the University of California, San Diego in March with a BS in Computer Science. He is currently working at Life 360.

Congrats and blessings to all the graduates and their families!

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6



Katherine Louie



Brandon Wong



Jason Wong



Joshua Wong

Missions . . . Stacey Loy Wong

The July missions offering collected \$517, which was used to purchase school supplies for the Native American students at Sherman Indian High School in Riverside. This is the 2nd year that we have participated in this ministry project that is sponsored by the Cal-Pac Conference and the Committee on Native American Ministries. This year, through the generous donations received by our church congregation, we were able to purchase 40 backpacks, 24-packs of colored pencils, 48-packs of notebook filler paper, 100 spiral notebooks, 10-packs of #2 pencils, 5 boxes of 60 count pens, and 12 – 2” binders. This is in addition to other donations that were dropped off at our church office. **Rev. Gregory Douglass**, pastor at Native American UMC and who serves as the point person for the annual school supply drive, was extremely grateful for Cornerstone’s participation again this year. Besides providing the students with the necessary supplies to get their school year started, these gifts are tangible reminders that there are people in the community that care and support them.



On July 17th, Cornerstone UMC welcomed **Tim and Judy Shine** and their daughters to share about their ministry work. Judy Shine is a friend of Alex Yu from Pittsburgh (back in the day). The Shines have a heart for sharing Christ’s love, with a special desire to outreach to those from closed countries. They previously served as missionaries in China for 20 years, until that door was closed to them in 2019. God instead presented a new opportunity for them to minister to unchurched international students who come to study in Pittsburgh for college and graduate school. Tim shared a slide presentation about their current service with Pittsburgh Regional International Student Ministry (PRISM).

We were blessed that the Shine family could be our guests during service and for the lunch fellowship. The August mission offering will be used to support the Shines and their work through PRISM.

World Medical Mission Trip . . . Mary Eng & Samuel Eng

On August 14th, Mary and her brother Samuel Eng came to Cornerstone to share some of their experiences from their World Medical Mission Trip!



From June 21 – August 2, 2022, Samuel and I (Mary), were doing mission work with World Medical Mission at the Shalom Family Medical Center and the Shalom Children’s Home in Santiago Texacuangos, El Salvador. Santiago Texacuangos is a semi-urban area but it is still very poor with the average salary being only \$365/ month. Few of the Salvadorians have medical insurance and as a result medical care is expensive and difficult to obtain. The Shalom

Family Medical Center is a clinic that offers routine medical care including prenatal care and yearly physicals on a sliding scale. This means people who are able to pay more will pay \$5 dollars for a consultation and those who are poorer may pay \$1 or nothing. All of the regular staff of the clinic are Salvadorian and Christian. The clinic offers both physical and spiritual care by offering Bibles, tracts, and devotions while the patients are waiting to be seen.



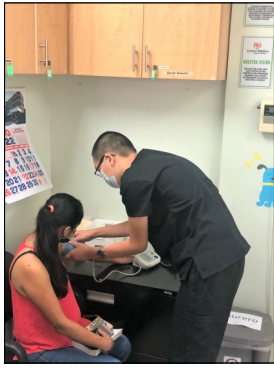
I, Mary, am an x-ray technologist so my primary skills are in taking x-rays. I was able to help take a few x-rays and teach the Salvadorian technologist how to do a few of the more complex x-ray examinations. I did not do as many x-rays as I expected to do but I was able to serve in many other ways. I helped sort syringes and needles that had been donated. I made cotton balls and swabs, assisted with taking vitals, and filled medication prescriptions. For one week, a radiologist from Wisconsin came and I helped him provide breast ultrasounds for patients who needed breast examinations but the clinic doesn’t normally have this service. I was able to help



translate and write the radiology reports for the doctor who did not speak Spanish. After the radiologist left, I began working with the telemedicine program. I would set up the technology and assist the nurse in connecting with the doctors and presenting the patients. This was needed because the system had been set up in English and there were no written instructions for using it. I was able to change the language on the system to Spanish and write Spanish users manuals for the clinic staff so they would be able to make full use of the system without an English speaking volunteer. I expected to be doing mostly x-rays but God showed me how I could serve others in unexpected ways when I am open to helping wherever I am needed.



Medical Mission Trip (contd.)



Although Samuel had no previous medical experience and spoke very little Spanish, he was also able to help in many different ways. He helped sort syringes and needles and took vital signs. He helped organize the clinic's patient data on excel sheets and found that the clinic saw roughly 5,000 patients from January to June. He was asked to write an English volunteer manual that could be used to train future volunteers. This manual covered everything from taking vital signs to locating patient charts in the file room to inputting patient information in the electronic database. In addition, Samuel was able to shadow the gynecologist and the pediatrician. He was able to see pregnancy ultrasounds, various gynecological exams, and childhood physical exams. The doctors allowed him to actively participate as well. He learned how to take an EKG, how to hold a baby, and how to use an ultrasound probe.



The Shalom Children's Home is where we lived and where we ate all of our meals. We were able to spend a lot of time with the children. Most of the children are not actually orphans but for various reasons their families could not or were not taking good care of the children. There are also several special needs children who, sadly, had been abandoned by their families because of their needs. The home provides food, shelter, education, and a stable environment for the



children. They learn to serve others by serving lunch to a nearby poor community each week. They learn music through a Salvadorian couple who volunteers their time and expertise every Saturday. The staff of the home give freedom to volunteers to teach the children many different things such as dancing and cooking. I, Mary, was able to teach swimming and Samuel enjoyed playing different board games with the children like Chess and Dutch blitz. We also taught the children to make beaded key chains with the 20 pounds of beads that we had brought with us. Living in the same compound as the children allowed us to take part in many of the fun activities that are planned for the children such as field day of outdoor games, a trip to the beach, and a trip to the children's museum.

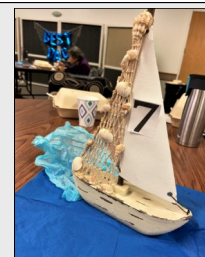


This summer and our trip to El Salvador was a memorable experience for both of us. The Salvadorian staff of the clinic were so gracious and appreciative of our time with them. The children of the home were loving and generous despite the many hardships they have experienced. Despite the difficulties of living in a new place, eating different food, and surviving different weather, it was all very worth it and we encourage all of you to step out of your comfort zone and see what God can do with whatever skills you have been given.

Father's Day Luncheon . . . Cheryl Hasegawa



FATHER 'S DAY CELEBRATION AT CORNERSTONE!



It was special to recognize the men of our church at a festive Father 's Day Luncheon June 19th. **Celeste Wong, Stacey Loy Wong and crew** put together a delicious Hawaiian bento lunch complete w/ a parfait ice cream

dessert! **Anita Lee** decked out our hall to celebrate our guys with " Best Dad " balloons and sailboat centerpieces. Every gentleman received an exfoliating loofah sponge as they exited the sanctuary. They can Google the importance of exfoliation or ask the women!! Thanks to **Arleen Hasegawa, Suzy Brackenridge and crew**, we had lots of laughs during the entertainment portion of lunch. Our men folk compared wallets to see who had the most packed

and heavy wallet! **Richard Fitch** might have been the winner there, but we tallied by tables.



Then there was a rousing game of **TABOO**, which is a word guessing game in which you try to get your team to guess the words on the screen, but you are restricted from using a list of essential words (which are "taboo"). We got a lot of laughs as some chose to change the game into charades. They acted out the words quite well. Next year, Pictionary!



Father's Day Luncheon . . . Contd.



In the end, all of the younger people gathered to sing a customized song about dads to the tune of "You 've Got A Friend in Me " from Toy Story.



EXTRA . . . Ryan Low

Hi Cornerstone Family!

First and foremost, we want to take a moment to acknowledge and also thank you all for being so supportive of our group. Through the various Koinonia get togethers and fellowships, we've been really feeling the love lately so thank you.



It feels like this summer went by so fast! We spent the beginning of Summer wrapping up our study on “How Not to Read the Bible”, where we touched upon various hot topics and had really insightful discussions. In this study, we explored what it meant to read the Bible, without pulling verses out

of context. Currently, we're going through the book of 1 John, where **Sarah Eng, Jamie Yu, and David Eng** have graciously volunteered to lead these studies.

We've kept our Friday nights the same for the most part, with activities, worship, and studies followed by discussion. I think for me the most valuable thing is the discussions, where I can process the message with others, where I can gain perspective for the week! In terms of our events, we've done a lot!

We kicked off June with the Finance Q & A as well as the Hike and Dine where we got to commune and hangout with other generations from Cornerstone. In short, it was a huge blessing! For July, we had a wonderful 4th party, where **Paul McGill** hosted and the **Eng family** provided fireworks! As we close August, we look back on the pool party that **Eugene Lee** hosted, as well as the Beach trip we took on the 13th! For September, we've got some more fun stuff too, like a trip to Adventure Lagoon which is a huge inflatable water park!

Overall, we've been seeing how the Lord has moved within EXTRA. Connections have been built and friendships have been strengthened. All the glory to God and as always, thank you for your support of our group!

EXTRA (contd.)



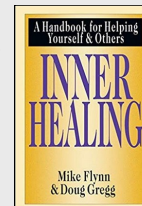
SUMMER . 2022

<p>JUNE</p> <p>17 FRI - Game Night 24 FRI - Finance Q&A 25 SAT - Hike & Dine</p>	<p>JULY</p> <p>04 MON - 4th Party 23 SAT - Day Trip 29 FRI - Dinner Fellowship</p>
<p>AUGUST</p> <p>05 FRI - Pool Party 13 SAT - Beach Trip 26 FRI - Game Night</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER</p> <p>09 FRI - Movie Night 10 SAT - Adventure Lagoon 23 FRI - Dinner Fellowship</p>



HUGS Cheryl Hasegawa

We have almost completed our Inner Healing book study on Friday nights, we are into our final chapter of the book. The pastors who wrote “Inner Healing”, Mike Flynn & Doug Gregg, wanted to share their decades of experience of healing through prayer. We’ve all grown a lot through the study and gotten a lot closer through personal sharing. God works in wondrous ways! We learned we can ask our friends for support and prayer and trust that God will send us messages to help guide us – images, dreams, or experiences. We are learning how to be more attuned to these messages and open to them! We can pray to our Holy Spirit, who is our guide and is the one to make things happen for us. We can talk with our Holy Spirit each day, like how we talk with God :0). We are learning how to see how Satan tries to sabotage our successes, or pull down our spirits, or plant self-doubt. In a myriad of ways, he can



be relentless. Satan can throw a wrench into our relationships, our workplaces, or our sense of peace. We are discussing how to be wary and protected and to fight back.

We will be discussing our next plan for TGIF Fridays, at our next meetings. If you have a book study or activity suggestions, let Gary or any of us HUGsters know! If you would like us to visit your home for prayers or help with a project, let us know! The last Friday of every month we gather at various locations for Friendship Dinners. If you have a suggestion on a location, let us know!! :0). Blessings to you!!



TGIF HUGS Friendship Night Dinners

Tuesday Morning Crew . . . Kay Lee

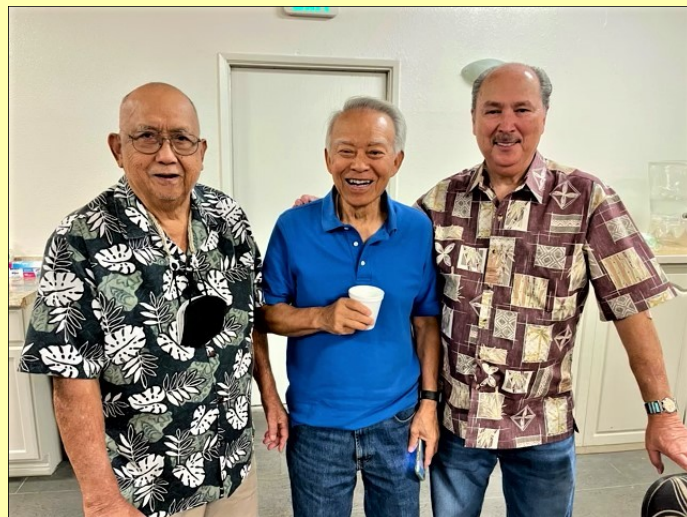
Have you ever wondered who changed the light bulb in the bathroom last week? Or hey.....the locks work now and the faucets don ' t leak any-more!

At CUMC for over 30 years, a group of senior men quietly do minor repairs, check mechanical and electrical equipment, and actually " fix " malfunctions in and around our church campus.

Sometimes these old guys, in spite of aching backs and bum knees, even vacuum and shampoo the carpets!

Hats off to Dick Chu, Richard Fitch, Bock Louie, Winston Wong, Henry Wong, Bill Chan, and Dick Chow who have quietly worked to maintain our campus. They can hardly wait for the next bunch of retirees to climb those ladders and push the mop!

Thank you, guys! We are blessed and grateful for your time and skills!



Dick Chu, Bock Louie & Richard Fitch



Winston Wong



Bill Chan



Henry Wong



Dick Chow

Hike and Dine . . . Betty Loh Chen and Cheryl Hasegawa

The warm and sunny Saturday morning on June 25 was perfect for a hike through the Cal State Fullerton Arboretum, a 26-acre botanical garden! More than 20 people from all CUMC age groups met up for the first all-church "Hike and Dine" to share in a leisurely walk around nature. In spite of the bright sun, there was plenty of shade to make for a pleasant stroll. Exploring the meandering paths, we came across many large and interesting trees that were ideal for group photos, like the Gigantic South American Ombu tree pictured here. This tree was planted in 1970 before the Arboretum was fully designed! We enjoyed a trickling stream which ran through a grove of redwood trees, and a big lake with several red eared slider turtles who came to visit us. The walk provided opportunities to chat with people we may not encounter on Sundays. We enjoyed meeting a new friend Daniel, a workmate of John Park's! Finally, we gathered in front of the Heritage House built in 1894 and restored for the Arboretum. Someday we can come back for indoor tours of the house!



After the walk, we were all hungry as we headed to the Sizzlers on Harbor Blvd for lunch. Several people who didn't participate in the morning also joined us for lunch. All in all, it was a great day spending time together.



Get Ready, Get Set, Let's Golf! . . . Dick Chu

Golf Ministry will start on September 2022.

A survey form has been issued to CUMC and PUMC congregations. Hopefully we will have all responses turned in by the end of August.

The tentative schedule for the Golf Ministry will be as follows:

September 11, 2022 Sunday at 1:30pm in Room 2 (Blue Room)
Introduction to the game of GOLF

October 8, 2022 Saturday at 9am-12 noon
Putt – Putt at CAMELOT GOLFLAND (\$13)
3200 E. Carpenter Ave, Anaheim, CA 92806

November 5, 2022 - Sat at 9am-12 noon at Fullerton Golf Paradise
1600 N. Harbor Blvd – south of St. Jude Hospital
Driving Range and Putting Course. (\$7)



After these 3 golf scheduled events, the amount of participation will determine the scheduling of future golf events such as playing on 9 or 18 hole golf courses.

Presently the Golf Ministry has a group playing on Thursday Mornings. Usual TEE time is 7:30 to 9am. We go to lunch by noon.

If you would like to join the group, contact **Lydia Chu (714-323-0761)**

or **Bock Louie (714-879-2026)** **8 or 9 days** before the THURSDAY you wish to play!

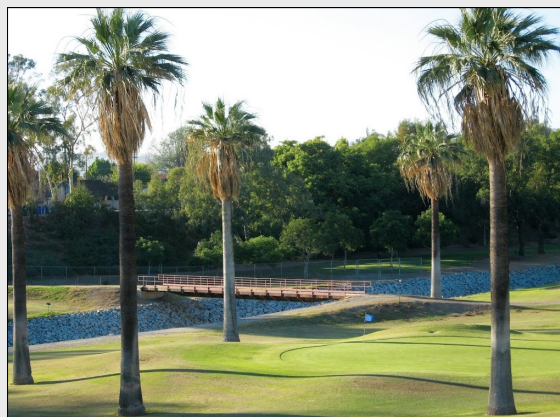
Reservations are required and cancellations must be made 24 hours prior to the date or the golf course will charge you. We play the Brea Creek Golf Course (9 holes) or the Fullerton Golf Course (18 holes).

Dick Chu - Head of the Church Golf Ministry

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**Pastor John
Teeing Up
at the
Brea Creek
Golf Course**





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Baby Dedication on Sunday, August 28th



for the gift of **Eleanor Grace Chen** to be Jon & Cheryl's daughter, and with Gloria, to be her younger sister;

for the gift of **Calytrix Anne Cota** to be Nick & Jillian's daughter.

